

Commissioners' Journal
October 8, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in special session on October 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.

It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Vice President of the Board, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Lennon was absent from today's meeting.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES – COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Administrator Frank Antenucci thanked the Board to hold a special meeting today, expressing his concern over not being able to snowplow the roads. Mr. Antenucci stated that they have 35 CDL drivers, of those about 30 are plow drivers and in the rotation. They have 19 trucks that are used depending on the need. Mr. Antenucci stated that sharing the trucks is a concern, and if the trucks are running and have an employee in there for 8-12 hours at a time and then switching drivers and the potential threat of COVID. Mr. Antenucci showed pictures to the Board of the interior of the plow trucks, showing the controls and noting that many have cloth seats. Mr. Antenucci expressed the concern of an employee contracting COVID-19 and the threat of spreading it, and then being short on drivers to handle the necessary plow routes during the winter. Mr. Antenucci stated that they would like to have assigned trucks to drivers but never had the funding to do it. There was discussion about the Board supporting them and adding the permissive fees to license plates and that it has assisted them with road maintenance and the changes to the resurfacing cycles extending them out. This pandemic is a unique situation and are asking to add five or six trucks to the fleet. The trucks are available but are being scooped up across the state.

Commissioner Spidalieri noted that this gives an opportunity for a certain level of responsibility and pride when they take care of their own trucks, they will take care of it, and if something happens you know how it happened. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that if we do happen to get hit with snow, it will allow for handling something like that and try to avoid going down on drivers by reducing the risk of spread between the drivers. Mr. Spidalieri noted that we have one of the best Engineer's department and our roads are the best around, citing other counties around us and the conditions of those roads. Mr. Spidalieri stated that we have good quality roads and maintenance and that does come at a price. Mr. Spidalieri made a motion to support this resolution.

Commissioner Dvorak added that he seconded the motion, and that having been a Township Trustee for eleven years before becoming a Commissioner, the concern is having a truck break down, and then having to wait for the repair, can cause other issues, so having what you need is important.

County Engineer Joe Cattell added that they assist Townships with plowing, and other Townships help us out, citing when the City of Chardon had the fire at their garage, we were able to help them out with trucks to get them through, but right now if we had a problem, we would have to say no, to protect ourselves. Mr. Dvorak stated that capturing these funds is beneficial to Geauga County and being able to get the trucks that are available. Winters in Geauga County are a lot different than other counties within the State.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-120 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures, for the proposed amount of \$1,105,903.13 for the County Engineer's Office and Job and Family Services.

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Resolution: #20-120

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RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" in House Bill 481 of the 133rd General Assembly (HB 481); and

WHEREAS, the Governor signed HB 481, which was effective June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, HB 481 requires subdivisions receiving funds under Section 1 of the Act, to pass a resolution affirming that funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund may be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirements of Section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners passed Resolution #20-068 affirming that funds so received would be expended only to cover costs of the County consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has vetted the expenditures as he is statutorily required to do pursuant to R.C. 319.16; and

WHEREAS, the documents including the assertion of necessity memorandum have been reviewed by the Board for the Board to consider whether said funds can be expended to cover said costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners upon review of the itemized list of expenditures and associated documents, affirm that said expenditures are approved and are:

- (1) Necessary expenses incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);*
- (2) Were not accounted for in the County's most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020; and*
- (3) Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those items are in the total amount of \$1,105,930.13 and include the following:

For the Proposed \$1,105,930.13:

Engineer \$1,065,075.13
Purchase of 4 chainsaws, 6 snow plow trucks, 1 Ford F-550 quad cab mechanics vehicle and 1 mini excavator to minimize cross usage and ensure social distancing and allow for disinfecting between uses

Job & Family
Services \$ 40,855.00
Purchase of 1 GMC Acadia SUV to ensure social distancing and allow for disinfecting between uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Absent</i>

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Fri., 10/9 NOACA External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., Planning & Programming 11:30 a.m. Cleveland

*Mon., 10/12 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Columbus Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Thu., 10/15 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m., 470 Center Street, Building #8, meeting room, Chardon

Thu., 10/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. in Building #8, meeting room for a presentation by Juniper Solutions on the Findings and Recommendations in the Strategic Plan for Economic Development in Geauga County

Mon., 10/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Board Offices (Zoom)

Tue., 10/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 10/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 11/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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